

WAWA News Letter

Waterville Area Wireless Association
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Tune in to WAWA Wednesday Night Net at 7:30 on 146.76.

The next meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association is scheduled for Saturday September 13, 1997 at 9:00 am at the Winslow Recreation Room in back of the Winslow Public Safety Building.

August 1997 Club Meeting Notes

The August meeting of the Waterville Area Wireless Association was called to order on August 2nd, 1997 at 9:05 am.

QSL Cards

The club has been receiving QSL cards for contacts made during this years Field Day event and July's VHF contest. It was suggested that the club have some cards made up in order to send a return card to stations requesting confirmation of their contact.

CARA Meetings

Don (AE1Q) mentioned that CARA holds quarterly meetings and folks should listen to the nets as they usually do not give much advanced notice.

Red (K1FUYY) has a stack of old magazines that he would like to give to someone or some organization. If he doesn't get any takers, they will be going to the dump.

ADA Walktoberfest

Sunday October 5, 1997 is the date for the American Diabetes Association's walk-a-thon otherwise know as the Walktoberfest. The Waterville Area Wireless association will be volunteering its services to provide communications for the event. If you would like to participate in the event please contact Mike (N1NAF). If you have second thoughts about helping out, feel free to come on by and check out the operation anyway.

A portable packet station was set up to demonstrate packet for the Jr. Members.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting.

Summer events

Bike Trek

Back in June, several members of the Waterville Area Wireless Association volunteered their services to provide radio communications for the American Lung Associations trek across Maine. This was a fun filled event spanning the 3 days of June 13, 14, and 15 as ham operators manned check points to relay information and coordinate activities with the coordinators vehicle. On Friday, the trek started from Sunday River and ended up at UMF in Farmington. Saturday's trek was from Farmington and ended up at Colby College in Waterville. Finally, Sunday's trek was from Waterville and finished at the Samoset resort in Rockland.

Field Day

Breaking with tradition, the Waterville Area Wireless Associations club station was set up in Sidney Maine this year on the property of Dennis (WX1V). The station ran for a good part of the event and made 141 contacts running as 4AME. Even though we seldom ran 4 simultaneous transmitters through the event, we provided for the maximum number of transmitters. We also kept with the spirit of Field Day and ran the transmitters off generators provided by Dennis (WX1V) and Mike (KB1AWS). It was a hot weekend and the sun baked us during the setup and the teardown. However, the operating made it all worth while as we put WA1WA on the air for the first time. We got numerous compliments on the call however, we several stations seemed to be confused by what sounded like a repeated prefix. Stations participating were Mike (KB1AWS), Dennis (WX1V), William (N1RCV), Mike (N1NAF), Sam (N1VLW), Bill (W1LEE) and a few jr. Club members and family members of those present.

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View of Dennis's (WX1V) house from near main road. The club tribander is on Mike's (KB1AWS) trailer on right. There is a 6 meter beam mounted on the club trailer attached to Mike's (N1NAF) truck on the left. On the left in the fore ground is a skeleton discone. We also experimented with mounting antennas off Mike's (KB1AWS) staging.



Looking at antennas from the right.



Bill (W1LEE) and Sam (N1VLW) operate together on one of the HF stations.

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CQ World Wide VHF Contest

During the weekend of July 12 and 13, Dennis (WX1V) and Mike (N1NAF) participated in the contest putting WA1WA on the air. After setting up Bill's (W1LEE) 6 meter beam, we settle down to making contacts which were few and far between on Saturday. This all changed on Sunday as 6 meters opened up to the west allowing for a number of contacts to be made.

If you have articles or personnel's you would like printed in the newsletter, please send them to William N1RCV by email @ hathaway@kassociates.com or by regular mail to:

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Dennis (WX1V) makes a HF contact as Mike (KB1AWS) looks on.



Mike (NINAF) operates on HF and 6 meters.

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Application for Membership

1. Call Sign: _____
Class: _____
2. Name: _____
3. Address: _____

4. Please Circle Bands and Modes Which You Operate

1.2G	440	220	144	50	28	24
21	18	14	10	7	3.5	1.8
SSB	CW	AM	FM	RTTY	PACKET	TV

5. Mail this application and annual dues of \$10 per individual or \$15 per family to:

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If you have any questions please call Ron on the 146.76 MHz Waterville Repeater or by phone at 873-2071. Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Winslow Recreation Hall behind the Fire Station on Benton Ave. in Winslow. If the first Saturday is a holiday weekend, the meeting may be postponed a week. Check before traveling in poor weather.

WAWA also holds an on-the-air meeting at 7:30 every Wednesday night on the 146.76 MHz repeater. Hope to hear you in there.

73s WAWA